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Bethesda, Maryland 20892

**Cancer Research Training Award Fellowship  
Opportunity Announcement**  
Behavioral Research Program  
Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences

**Announcement Title**

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Psychology and Communication (2013)

**Introduction**

The Behavioral Research Program (BRP), within the National Cancer Institute (NCI)'s Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences invites applications from qualified candidates for a post-doctoral Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellowship. This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland and provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development in psychological science, communication science, and decision science in the context of cancer prevention and control. CRTA Fellows interact daily with leading researchers in public health, behavioral medicine, and cancer prevention, as well as with various extramural scientists at NCI and other Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health. Information about BRP's mission, structure, and scientific staff may be found at <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp>.

**Position Description**

The CRTA Fellow will work directly with BRP scientists on a range of projects related to the mission of the program. Examples of research activities and programmatic areas of emphasis include: examining how people process and respond to health communications; developing and testing value-consistent health messages; investigating the effects of emotional, cognitive, dyadic, and small group processes on health decision-making; determining optimal elicitation of risk perception in cancer contexts, and applying newly emergent theories to health interventions.

Day-to-day activities may include:

- Performing primary and secondary analyses of experimental, focus group, and survey data
- Assisting with meta-analytic projects
- Contributing content to ongoing and new empirical projects
- Drafting and collaborating on scientific manuscripts, reports, and presentations
- Participating in (and in some cases leading) BRP-wide working groups and committees
- Analyzing the research portfolio and aiding in strategic planning toward the development of initiatives
- Attending and developing training workshops and research partnership forums
- Active mentorship by program scientists

The post-doctoral Fellow is highly encouraged to initiate and develop new projects, and may have the opportunity to attend and present at national meetings and other venues.

**Qualifications**

- Doctoral level training (Ph.D., Sc.D., M.D. or equivalent) in psychology, communication, decision science, or related discipline
- Extensive research experience
- Strong data analytic skills and comfort with statistical software such as SPSS and SAS
- Strong writing skills
- Excellent academic standing
- Organizational, planning, and project management skills
- Interpersonal skills and ability to work independently and on research teams



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### Application Requirements

To be considered for this position, the following must be received by the Application Deadline:

1. Cover letter (provide an explanation of your interest in the BRP post-doctoral fellowship and explain your professional development goals and research interests and how they relate to BRP priorities)
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. One writing sample
5. Proof of citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate or passport)
6. Official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing (transcript of highest degree conferred; proof of academic good standing on official letterhead and signed by graduate program director, advisor, or equivalent)

Application materials may be submitted via email to Juanita Cox at [coxj@efdb.nci.nih.gov](mailto:coxj@efdb.nci.nih.gov). Paper copies and official transcripts and/or proof of academic standing must be mailed to:

Ms. Juanita Cox  
ATTN: BRP CRTA  
Behavioral Research Program/DCCPS  
6130 Executive Blvd., Rockville MD 20892

### Application Deadline

**March 25, 2013** for priority consideration; however, this announcement will remain active until the position is successfully filled.

**Start Date:** Negotiable.

### Stipend and Benefits

This position is a one-year renewable full-time CRTA Fellowship. The stipends for CRTA Fellows are adjusted yearly, and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. Benefits include health insurance at no cost and a wide range of career development and social activities. The office is located in commuter-friendly Rockville, Maryland near Bethesda and downtown DC.

### For more information, contact

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